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REFS: (A) STATE 251246 DATED 10/8/76; (B) STATE 255834 DATED 10/8/76; (C) WYROUGH/BUFLO TELCON 12/7/76

1. THE U.S. NEGOTIATORS HAVE AGREED TO CONDUCT THE NEXT ROUND ON CONTADORA DURING THE WEEK OF DECEMBER 13.

2. THE NEGOTIATORS WILL VERY MUCH APPRECIATE THE GOOD OFFICES AND SUPPORT OF THE DIPLOMATIC MISSION AND OTHER USG ORGANIZATION, AS APPROPRIATE.

3. AMBASSADOR JORDEN AND MINISTER BELL HAVE ALREADY DISCUSSED IN GENERAL TERMS THE ARRANGEMENTS FOR SUBSTANTIVE PARTICIPATION BY EMBASSY OFFICERS IN SUPPORT OF THE UNITED STATES TEAM. THE PURPOSE OF THIS MESSAGE IS TO SUGGEST ADMINISTRATIVE ARRANGEMENTS, WHICH WE ENVISION AS BEING ES-
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SENTIALLY IDENTICAL TO THOSE USED DURING PAST ROUNDS.

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4. THE TRAVEL SCHEDULE FOR BUNKER, BELL, DOLVIN, CECELIA LUCAS AND BARKLEY IS AS FOLLOWS:

DEPART WASH/NATIONAL L2:30 PM, MONDAY 12/13 NA FLIGHT 115
ARRIVE MIAMI 2:45 PM
DEPART MIAMI, BN FLIGHT 977 5:05 PM
ARRIVE PANAMA 7:40 PM

5. THE TRAVEL SCHEDULE FOR WYROUGH, CHESTER, HERVAS, JACKLEY, DUKER AND CAPT. LUCAS IS AS FOLLOWS:

DEPART WASH/NATIONAL 12:30 PM, SUNDAY 12/12 NA FLIGHT 115
ARRIVE MIAMI 2:45 P.M.
DEPART MIAMI 5:05 PM, BRANIFF FLIGHT 977
ARRIVE PANAMA 7:40 PM

6. WYROUGH'S GROUP EXCEPT JACKLEY AND DUKER WILL OVER-NIGHT IN PANAMA CITY AND PROCEED TO CONTADORA THE FOLLOWING DAY. PLEASE RESERVE 4 SINGLE ROOMS AT HOTEL CONTINENTAL OR SIMILAR HOTEL. GROUP MEMBERS WILL BE AVAILABLE FOR CONSULTATION AT THE EMBASSY THE MORNING OF DECEMBER 13, AS THE EMBASSY DESIRES, AND WILL DEPART FROM PAITILLA FOR THE ISLAND AT A TIME TO BE ARRANGED AFTER ARRIVAL PANAMA.

7. AMBASSADOR BUNKER'S GROUP WISHES TO FLY BY FIXED-WING AIRCRAFT DIRECTLY FROM TOCUMEN TO CONTADORA AS IN PAST, WITH LUGGAGE ABOARD. THE AMBASSADOR WILL NOT BE AVAILABLE FOR PRESS COMMENT BUT NO OBJECTION TO PHOTOS OF ARRIVAL.

8. ACCOMMODATIONS ON ISLAND: BUNKER, BELL AND DOLVIN WILL LODGE AS IN PAST. PLEASE RESERVE 6 SINGLE ROOMS AT HOTEL FOR STAFF MEMBERS AND AN ADDITIONAL ROOM FOR USE AS AN OFFICE. TWO ADDITIONAL ROOMS WILL BE NEEDED FOR JACKLEY AND DUKER BEGINNING DECEMBER 14. PREFER THAT ROOMS BE LOCATED IN COTTAGE AREA VICINITY OF RESTAURANT RATHER THAN IN NEW HOTEL COMPLEX.

9. WE WOULD HOPE THAT ARRANGEMENTS FOR OFFICE TYPEWRITERS, XEROX MACHINE, RADIO COMMUNICATION, TELEPHONES, AND COURIER
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SERVICE COULD BE SAME AS FOR THE OCTOBER ROUND (SEE PARAS 5 THRU 9 OF REFTEL B).

10. ISLAND TRANSPORTATION: HOPE YOU CAN ARRANGE ONE SEDAN FOR AMBASSADOR BUNKER AND THREE ISLAND CARTS FOR OTHER TEAM MEMBERS. ROBINSON

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